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2. Soviet Air and Army Installations in Fuerstenwalde

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1. [redacted] report which gives information on the following: (1) SAF occupied semi-underground building at MR-380040, (2) AA Installations on Fuerstenwalde airfield, and (3) New type rocket launcher observed leaving the Reiter Kaserne. A series of rough sketches showing the features and locations of unidentified radar equipment in Fuerstenwalde is also included.

2. The information on the new type rocket launcher which was observed leaving the Reiter Kaserne is quoted in full below:

a. An unusual type of rocket launcher was recently observed leaving the Reiter Kaserne at MR-350014. The equipment consisted of the usual three-axled ZIS-151-type chassis, but had a single bank of four or five trellis-type open frames mounted on the rear. The frames were quite short (approximately three meters in overall length) when compared with a soldier, and hung over the rear of the vehicle. The frames were set at an angle of approximately 30° and did not extend as far as the driver's cabin.

b. [redacted] the Reiter Kaserne appeared to be only lightly occupied by Soviet troops; guards and patrols wore black-red shoulderboards. It was impossible to give any accurate estimate of the total amount of equipment held at this barracks, but at least four rocket launchers of the new type were parked near the entrance.

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S.A.F. and military installations in
FUERSTENWALDE, as at 1 July 57.

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Appendix

Attached at Appendix "A" is a series of rough sketches showing features and location of unidentified radio and radar equipment in the area.

1. S.A.F. OCCUPIED SEMI-UNDERGROUND BUILDING AT MR 380040

(a) The [] semi-underground building at MR 380040 adjoining the southern side of the main FUERSTENWALDE/STEINHOFEL road remains occupied by the S.A.F. On several occasions both S.A.F. and Soviet Army officers have frequently been observed entering the compound, but S.A.F. officers predominate. [] a car containing 3 Soviet staff officers was observed leaving the compound and departing in the direction of FUERSTENWALDE. The driver of this car wore black/red sbds.

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(b) [] two radio vehicles were observed adjoining the main underground building. Both vehicles were identical, being of the two-axled signals type, and each was surmounted by a flat, "H"-shaped aerial which was pivoted on a short mast, [] directly behind the driver's cab. The aerials were [] spaced [] apart (see sketches (i) and (ii) at Appendix). One of the vehicles had a cable, approximately thumb-thickness, leading from a small socket on the rear of the body which extended into the small, squarish surface building adjoining the main, semi-underground building. Personnel wearing black sbds. were observed in the immediate vicinity of the two vehicles. Neither of the aerials were extended []

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2. A/A INSTALLATIONS ON FUERSTENWALDE AIRFIELD

There has been a distinct increase in the A/A equipments located on this airfield. [] the following were in situ:

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(a) At MR 389045 there is a semi-permanent battery of 6 x 85 mm. A/A guns, each gun being set up in a shallow, sand-bagged emplacement. The emplacements were prepared in the form of an open horse-shoe. Adjoining this A/A site there is a cluster of 3 signals vehicles, plus one signals-type trailer, on the roof of which there is an open-meshed bowl paraboloid.

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(b) At MR 381043 there is a collection comprising three groups of A/A guns, in addition to approximately 20 miscellaneous vehicles. The A/A guns are in three distinct groups, one comprising 4 x 85 mm. type, and the other two groups, each comprising 6 x 100 mm. A/A guns. The 85 mm. guns were partially covered with loose tarpaulins, but

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each of the 100 mm. guns were undergoing maintenance. None of the guns was dug into any form of emplacement.

Amongst the group of nearby miscellaneous vehicles there were at least 3 signals trailers, each surmounted by tarpaulin-covered circular paraboloids. In addition there was a new type of equipment

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on the rear of which there was a conspicuous round cylindrical array

Owing to the distance, it could not be positively ascertained whether this cylinder was metal coated or covered by a tight-fitting tarpaulin. (See sketch (iii) at Appendix).

(c) In the vicinity of the airfield hangars there is a further collection of MF vehicles of various types, estimated to total approximately 50 - 60 in all. the hangars are also full of vehicles, and the airfield is used as an equipment storage depot.

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3. NEW TYPE OF ROCKET LAUNCHER OBSERVED LEAVING THE REITER KASERNE

An unusual type of rocket launcher was observed leaving the REITER KASERNE at MR 350014. The equipment consisted of the usual 3-axled ZIS-151 type chassis, on the rear of which was mounted a single bank of four or five trellis-type open frames. The frames were quite short by comparison with a soldier, and overhung the rear of the vehicle. The frames were set at an angle of approximately 30° and did not extend as far as the driver's cab.

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The REITER KASERNE appears to be only lightly occupied by Soviet troops, guards and patrols being observed to wear black/red sbds. It is impossible to give any accurate estimate of the total amount of equipment held at this barracks, but at least four rocket launchers of the new type could be ascertained, parked near the entrance.

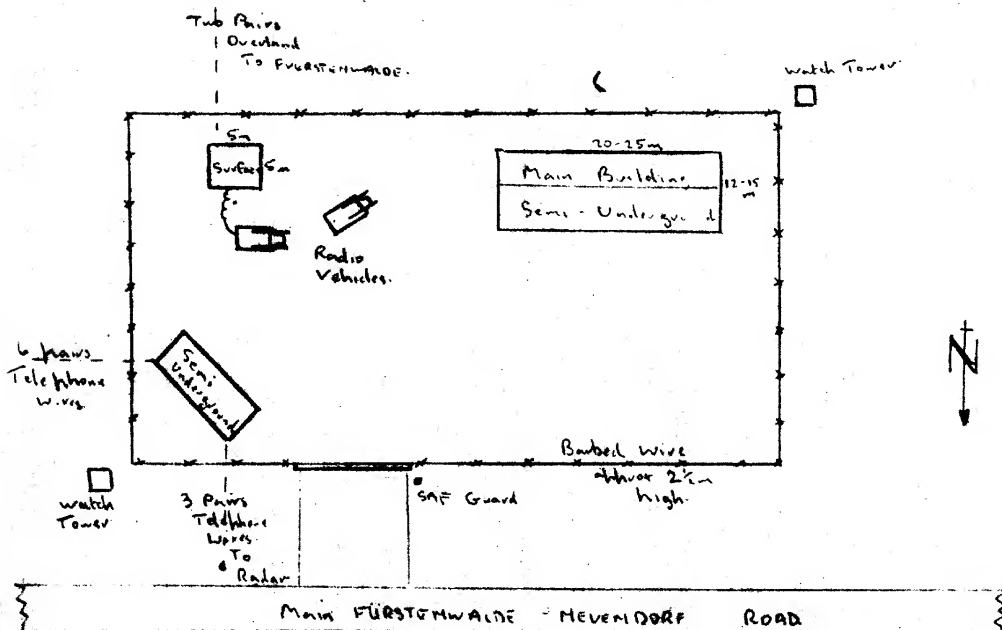
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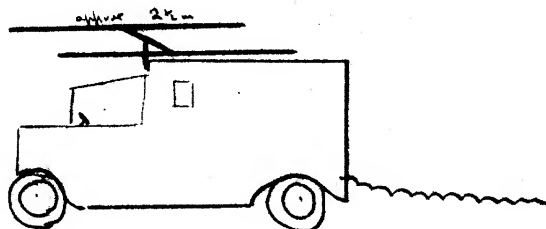
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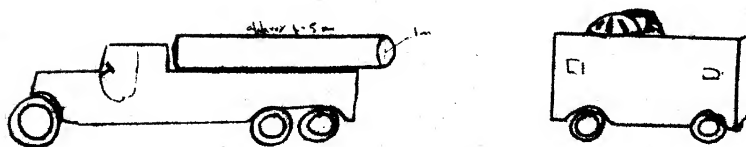
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(i)

SAF Occupied Complex at MR 380040

(ii)

Radio Vehicles with 'H' Mast at MR 380040

(iii)

Radio/Radar Equipments adjoining AF Park at MR 381040**SECRET****SECRET**
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